

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place
In the Greatest State in the Union

The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Very
Little Actual Labor

"Huh," grunts the Chula News, "we've never seen any of these men who boast they have money to burn carrying out any ashes."

The Missouri State Journal thinks

Andrew Welch, residing eight miles south of Cape Girardeau, is exhibiting

a peck of figs he grew in his orchard this season. They are particularly juicy and well flavored and said to rank with those grown in warmer climates.

Missouri has a law against the showing of snakes in captivity. A couple of Indians selling patent medicines down in Neosho used a snake in a glass box to attract attention, and for this they were arrested and fined \$25 each.

There will be more of a rush to the Ozarks than ever if it becomes generally known that Mrs. Jim Shelley of Mountain Home recently found a fine pearl in a mussel shell. It weighed fifty grains and she sold it for \$400, according to the Bulletin.

A south-bound Rock Island passenger train Tuesday struck the family of D. Petty in their automobile, de-

molishing the car, fifteen miles north of Princeton. Petty lost both legs, and his son, Homer Petty, was killed. The wife and sister of young Petty were both badly injured.

J. J. Stephens of Richmond won a prize by writing an advertising sentence more times on a post card than any other contestant. The sentence was "The Hoover beats as it sweeps as it cleans," and Mr. Stephens wrote it 1,532 times on the post card.

The Joplin Globe records a town tragedy as follows: "Somewhere in the happy land where all good storks go, a new arrival is roaming about and Forest Gager, park superintendent, is bemoaning a sad misfortune that robbed him of one of his most cherished pets. Gager found the bird dead in a street near the park. Of course Gager don't know, but he thinks maybe some father with an already large family, seeing the long-legged bird loafing in his vicinity feared it portended further addition to his flock and in trying to shoo Dr. Stork away hit him with a rock by accident."

"This tourist trade is great for a town," grumps the Carrollton Republican-Record. "Out of the thousand motor cars that have passed through Carrollton, three have stopped. One party got a free road map, another five gallons of gasoline and the third remained to save hotel bills by spending the night with relatives."

SAYS THAT MATERIALISM IS A FAILURE

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the hearts as well as the interests of men.

The Paramount Mission

It must never be lost sight of that Christian Science is engaged first and last in the task of restoring to the world the Word and perpetuating the works given and carried on by Christ Jesus, and that its grandest mission and its greatest joy is to restore primitive Christianity and to perpetuate these works as the Master himself, were He once more among us, would direct. He came with healing in His thought, with healing in His voice, with healing in His touch. He went around everywhere doing good.

Christian Scientists make no stronger pretensions of belief in the Bible than do other professed Christians, but Christian Scientists go farther than mere belief; they trust, and strive to understand. And according to the measure of their understanding they make practical application of Bible truths and achieve demonstrations. One might believe in mathematics fervently, devotedly, unwaveringly, everlastingly, without ever getting further than belief. Mere belief would never solve a problem in figures. One must take chalk, or pencil or pen in hand and work the problem out in accordance with the principle of the science if anything is to be accomplished. Christian Scientists, following the instruction of Mary Baker Eddy, and adhering to the Principle which she discovered, prove the truths in the Bible through their understanding and their work as they go along, and bring realization of its prophecies and its promises into their daily experience.

An Intelligent Understanding of God Christian Science is not blind faith; it is an intelligent understanding of God and of man's relationship to the Supreme Being, the omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent Creator. It is an understanding of God which admits of no limitation, question or doubt with regard to His all-seeing wisdom, His all-inclusive power, His all-embracing love. It is complete acceptance of the Father-Motherhood

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Never has there been a time in all history when men were in greater need than now of that clearness of sight, that steadiness of purpose, that strength of character—that probity, perspicacity and unshakable moral stamina—which are imparted through spiritual discernment and spiritual understanding. It is the mission and purpose of Christian Science to bring the Kingdom of God to earth, by dispelling the illusion that materialism, sensuality, money-grubbing, money-getting, money-spending, can satisfy the human desire for contentment, peace and happiness. The wreckage all about us of hopes, aspirations, ambitions based upon the attainment of mere worldly success, should constitute an impressive warning to the business and professional man as well as to the social striver of our day.

Is at the Bottom

Wrong thinking is at the bottom not only of individual troubles and sorrows and sufferings, but it is the cause of all the harrowing evils that beset the family, the community, the nation and the world at large. Christian Science offers right-thinking as a corrective—as an obtainable, feasible, and, in fact, as the only possible cure for this stupendous evil. If the thoughts of humanity were in harmony with the divine Mind, with the Commandments, with the Beatitudes, with the Prophets, with the teachings of Christ Jesus and His disciples, as revealed through and expounded and taught by Mary Baker Eddy, the world would be freed from ferment, confusion and tumult. Christian Science corrects, exalts and strengthens the thought of the individual, and the thought of the community, the nation and the world will be straightened, elevated and strengthened proportionately with the increase in the number of individuals who shall claim, and win, their natural inheritance of light and who engage in the work of spreading it among their fellows.

RITTER'S PUNGENTS

Paragraphs That Touch Interestingly On All of the Important News Features of the Day.

To the Editor of The Observer:

Exemption of the home or dwelling place from search for "hooch" without warrant, while the automobile remains searchable, is going to turn a lot of American money into real estate that otherwise would have gone for "flippers."

Albert Horn, a member of the German Reichstag for 44 years, has never made a speech.

Eighty per cent of the forest fires occurring in the United States during the past five years are due to the carelessness of humans.

A burial service at sea by "wireless" is the subject of much comment in Liverpool.

In Detroit, Mich., street traffic is to be prohibited in 50 city blocks to provide "play space" for children. Traffic is to be banned on certain streets between 2 and 5 p. m. daily and it is believed this action will minimize accidents and injury to children.

We don't think of a man just now who can be better spared from the Senate, to labor in the disarmament conference, than Senator Lodge.

The "Companions of Intelligence" is an organization of prominent literary, scientific and public men and women of Paris, formed to further the interchange of learning and art among nations. An information bureau is also maintained where men of learning, specialists and engineers may be put in touch with their fellow workers or aided in research. Dinners and lectures are also given at which leaders of learning from abroad are brought into contact with those sharing their interests.

There were 60,721 licensed automobiles in the city of St. Louis up to Aug. 1, 1921, the number up to Aug. 1, 1920, being 45,973.

The Missouri "bonus" bill just voted on by the people provides for \$10 a month for each soldier, up to \$250. They will be paid from the time of entry to date of discharge. You are eligible for the "bonus" if you were a resident of Missouri for one year prior to April, 1917.

Now if you take all of Mr. Harding's speeches and delete everything that he has since had to reverse or defer, what is left will look like the inner tube of nothing just after a blowout.

Mankind is divided by a pessimist into two classes—those who earn a living without getting it and those who get a living without earning it.

Southern Ireland can afford to put its case in the hands of the British dominions. Northern Ireland cannot afford "not to."

For an infant industry in this country only 20 months old, "prohibition" has created 10,000,000 law-breakers out of 100,000,000 former law-abiding citizens. Created 30,000,000 "hypocrites." Created an army of millions of unemployed men and women. Demoralized business in hundreds of lines.

Prohibition is to be repealed in Russia. That is "economic," just, practicable, reasonable, and wise. Whatever is unreasonable and unnatural (in the very nature of things) cannot be "maintained" by legislative action or brute force (police force).

Retiring Chief Flynn of the United States "secret service" is said by the New York Herald to have to his credit "some of the best work ever done for the United States government."

It also declares that "Mr. Flynn has served the government faithfully and unostentatiously for nearly a quarter of a century." If that is so, why is Mr. Flynn forced out to make way for Mr. Burns, another great detective?

Whether or not the poor are drinking too little, it is certain that the rich are drinking too much.

Tear gas for mobs may be the "cure" of the American lynching evil. Every sheriff could always be in a state of preparedness and safeguard his prisoner without killing man, woman or child.

Premier Lloyd George is for industrial peace, for peace with Ireland, and for that great world peace which lies through "disarmament" and the all important understandings which must "precede" disarmament. What can be better?

When large sales with small profits take the place of small sales with large profits we will hear no more of "business depression."

Governor Miller of New York has just completed a tour of inspection of the penal, correctional and charitable institutions that receive state appropriations. That was right and proper, Gov. Miller. A personal visit to them would probably reveal a surprising number and variety.

It seems to me, since the passage from one life to another is inevitable, that the shortest death is the best. I consider fortunate those who do not

dwell in the "suburbs" of death, and who from that "felicity" which alone in this world can be called "felicity" pass suddenly to that which is "eternal."

President Harding it seems is willing to how to the "power of intelligent public opinion." That is right and proper.

Tight, stiff hats mean baldness. Tight, high, stiff collars pressing on the neck's great blood vessels and on the pneumogastric nerve cause nervousness and ill health, the doctors say.

Now if ex-Kaiser Bill of Germany had been content with, and satisfied to be remembered as "William II the Builder," how different for him and the German people. But he wanted another title, "William the Great," a title that just comes—you cannot build it.

William J. Burns, new chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, is about to thoroughly reorganize the bureau of investigation and the proposed "combination" of all government secret service activities under "one head."

The longevity of a cat is about 14 years, but the cat is the only animal (feline species) in existence that is absolutely "unconquerable."

Mankind has always loved pictures. Today the American public supports 16,500 moving picture theaters, makes 5,000,000,000 visits to them a year and spends \$750,000,000 annually for amusements.

Dr. G. Leven of Paris recommends lying face downward as a cure for coughs and hicoughs.

How all children are brought up in the concern of all people. If they are badly reared, it is likely to be still more their concern.

Chicago has 20,000 acres of woodland playground permanently set aside for her enjoyment, easily within reach of the city. Where is "ours" in St. Louis, Missouri?

"Within the shadow" supreme wisdom is keeping them all balanced, using them in ways.

The Ku-Klux want to organize at Trenton, New Jersey. The American Legion does not want them. Mayor Donnelly says he will keep out the Ku-Klux.

Our idea of foolishness is for a smart young couple to move out of their garage home into a big house.

Probably the best way to punish a speed fiend would be to confiscate his car and give him his "walking papers."

The Republicans must reduce taxes or give way to a party that can reduce them.

Inflation is "adulteration." Scratch a federal tax and you will find a "federal extravagance."

It doesn't take a sheriff to arrest Gov. Small's attention with a headline.

What we don't understand is why our merchant marine doesn't put on a bankruptcy sale.

Now that Mr. Volstead has approved it, "have you a little brewery in your home" promises to take rank as the national anthem.

Senator Lodge is out as an opponent of federal aid to roads, which is another reason why we believe it is a desirable thing.

Senator Lodge's "but" in advocating limitation of armaments causes a shiver.

Henry Ford got a fine advertising by reducing freight rates on his railroad, but Mr. Ford comes out ahead even with the Interstate Commerce Commission suspending the reduction until New Year's. A Canadian paper, enumerating Henry Ford's reforms as a railroad manager, says that he disposed of four private cars for official use and told the officials to ride in ordinary cars like himself. One cannot imagine that officials would care to do much "junketing" on the line of the D. T. and I. Besides, Mr. Ford frequently travels in an automobile—and not a Ford, either.

Washington enthusiasm over peace conference knows no bounds at the announcement that the United States alone will spend a minimum of \$200,000 on it.

The situation in Ireland is described as delicate, but from this distance it gives evidence of being both robust and lusty.

The trouble with the Lenin, Trotsky & Company Russian form of Soviet government is, that it not only has no basic principle, but is wholly "devoid" of all moral accountability to God and righteousness of life for its acts and deeds under its "form and rule of law."

GEORGE A. RITTER.
St. Louis, Mo.

H. M. Hyatt has sued the St. Joseph Tobacco Co. for \$10,000 alleged damages for striking him with one of its motor cars last Monday.

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